in the territory of India, and generally about the dangers inherent in Pakistan's sponsorship of cross-border and international terrorism. At the operational level, steps to contain terrorist violence and to check Pakistan's efforts to step up infiltration, have been intensified together with increased vigilance and patrolling on the Line of Control (LOC), and launching of well coordinated operations against the militants in the vulnerable areas.

Infiltration of Bangladeshis in Western U.P.

1207. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "U.P. Government asked to probe reports of infiltration", appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated 27th May, 1994;

(b) if so, whether the Minister of State for Internal Security has asked the Government of Uttar Pradesh to investigate large scale infiltration of Bangladeshis into Western Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government of Uttar Pradesh thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) According to the information furnished by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, the reported large scale infiltration of Bangladesh is into Western Pradesh is not true.

Number of foreign mercenaries active in Jammu and Kashmir

1208. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of foreign mercenaries active in Jammu and Kashmir together with their nationality;

(b) the number of foreign mercenaries killed in 1993 and so far in 1994 together with their nationality;

(c) the number of foreign mercenaries who are responsible for rape, extortion and other heinous crimes; and

(d) whether Government are aware that some of the foreign terrorists have entered into Doda District and if so, what special efforts have been made to arrest them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) It is not possible to give the precise number of foreign mercenaries operating in Jammu and Kashmir.

(b) As per available information, 188 foreign nationals/mercenaries were killed in Jammu and Kashmir during 1993 and till June, 1994. These included persons from Pakistan/POK, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Sudan, Lebanon, Beharain, etc.

(c) It is not possible to give the precise number and details of foreign mercenaries involved in such crimes.

(d) The Government are aware of the presence of foreign terrorists in Doda. Anti-militancy operations in the district have been stepped up and additional forces have been deployed for this purpose.